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A martial arts team demonstrates mind over matter by breaking several bricks over the top of a team member's head. This was just one of the many demonstrations given by more than 55 teams participating in the festival. Photo by Sgt. Lisa Jendry.



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Making the best of travel opportunities in Korea

by **Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell**
Commander, 8th U.S. Army

Korea offers some wonderful cultural and travel opportunities for our community members. Soldiers, civilian employees and family members working in our community owe it to themselves to take advantage of what Korea has to offer.

Our good neighbors in local communities throughout the peninsula routinely extend a hand of welcome to our community, to give members of the 8th Army team a chance to experience Korea as something other than a place to work for a year.

Koreans are proud of their country, proud of their heritage, and proud to be working and living alongside Americans. They want to share their lives, their experiences with us.

A little more than a month ago the city of Chongju offered units across the peninsula a chance to visit the 6th Annual Chongju Martial Arts Festival for free. Because event organizers realized many of our servicemembers lacked adequate personal transportation to get there, nine buses were sent to Yongsan to provide our folks with free transportation, as well. More than 300

people took advantage of that opportunity.

At Chongju, our USFK/CFC/8th Army family were able to witness demonstrations by some of the finest martial arts experts in the world over the course of several days. You can find photos from that event on the front and back covers and on pages 9 and 10 of this issue.



Campbell

The opportunities to travel are not limited to the annual Chongju event. The USFK and 8th Army Public Affairs Office community relations division has events with the local communities on their radar screen.

Our local Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers program also routinely run events designed to get our soldiers out into the communities to experience with the wonders that Korea has to offer.

The United Services Organization; and the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Division also run a variety of tours at nominal costs. You can find a partial calendar of upcoming events on Page 19 of this magazine. For a more complete listing, contact the USO and MWR offices.

Don't forget to take a trip to Cheju Island. The Army runs a recreation center on the southwest side of the island that's perfect for weekend getaways. The recreation center was featured in the August-September issue of the ROK Steady and the article is available on the 8th Army Public Affairs web site.

Opportunities to get out and experience new cultures is not limited to Korea. This country is a great place to launch a vacation. Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Thailand and many other hot vacation spots are available at cheaper rates than you'd find in the United States. Don't miss the opportunity to visit other countries while you are here.



Sgt. Lisa Jendry



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Courtesy Photo

Sgt. Brian A. Bartel, lead singer and guitarist for the band Skinner Box, rocks during the Battle of the Bands competition at Fort Carson, Colo. 30 Inches and Skinner Box won \$11,000 for Area I MWR.

Battle of the Bands: *Don't stop the rock!*

by Pfc. Daniel Love

Staff Writer

Two bands from Korea performed and took first and third places during the annual Battle of the Bands competition at Fort Carson, Colo., Oct. 11.

The bands, 30 Inches and Skinner Box, won \$8,000 and \$3,000 respectively for Area I Morale, Welfare and Recreation after performing stateside.

30 Inches, the competition's 1st place winner, came from Camp Stanley. The band had four members: Sgt. 1st Class Clifford G. Pass, guitar; Staff Sgt. Richard S. Shewmaker, guitar and vocals; Pfc. Mark P. Budinsky, drums and vocals; and Pvt. Aaron M. Noble, drums and vocals. The band plays songs from artists such as Red Hot Chili Peppers, Jimmy Hendrix, Stone Temple Pilots, Van Halen, and the Beatles. Pass said they try to play something for everyone.

"The band started when me and our guitar player were looking for stress relief," said Pass. "We didn't expect it to come this far."

The band took first place in the 8th Army competition in order to advance to the finals at Fort Carson. The stage the band performed on when they arrived was packed with state-of-the-art music equipment. Pass said the stage had hundreds of thousands of dollars of music equipment.

"The competition level there was so much higher than we've ever seen," said Pass. "It pushed us to the next level. Every band there sounded great and knowing we could compete with them felt great."

Skinner Box, the competition's 3rd place winner, came from Camp Casey. It had three band members: Sgt. Brian A. Bartel, guitar and vocals; Pfc. Ryan B. Cordle, drums; and Pfc. Robert R. Watkins on bass guitar. The band plays original music. Bartel said it is alternative rock influenced by Foo Fighters and Blink 182.

"The Army bought us plane tickets, put us in a nice hotel, and let us use a nice stage with everything set up for us," said Bartel. "It wasn't easy, though. Every band was excellent and the competition was fierce."

Musicians were judged by industry professionals.

"We had Matt Pinfield (executive producer for Sony records), a college music professor, and Brent Mason (professional guitarist) for judges," said Cordle.

The musicians were graded on several aspects of their performance.

"We were graded on stage presence, music used, audience reaction, technical skills and being within a time limit," said Pass. "If we played less than nine minutes or more than 12 minutes we lost points."

"We got to hang out and talk music with musicians from all over the world to get a broader perspective on music in the Army," said Watkins.

8th U.S. Army makes presence at annual AUSA convention

Story & photos by
Pfc. Daniel Love
Staff writer

Soldiers from around the peninsula attended the Association of the United States Army convention and the events surrounding it Oct. 6 to Oct. 8 in Washington, D.C.

The 8th U.S. Army 10-Miler team as well as several other representatives from 8th Army manned the 8th Army static display and roamed about the convention's other displays which occupied two show floors at the spacious new Washington D.C. convention center.

In the opening ceremony, Retired Republic of Korea Gen. Paik Sun-yup received the AUSA Maj. Gen. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle Medal. The Biddle Medal is awarded annually to the individuals who contributed most significantly to the advancement and mission of AUSA that year. The medal is named after Maj. Gen. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, president of AUSA from 1958 to 1960, who served in the Army during World War I, and later as a diplomat during World War II.

"He helps with fund-raising and raising awareness for AUSA," said Col. Paul L. Smith, vice president of awards for the Korea Chapter of AUSA. "He attends AUSA meet-



Retired Republic of Korea Army Gen. Paik Sun-yup receives the Maj. Gen. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle Medal. Paik led the ROK 1st Infantry division in 1950 and retired from the ROK army after 10 years of service.

ings as a key guest. He's very supportive of 8th Army and U.S. Forces Korea doing whatever he can do to help them."

Paik, 83, is considered a hero in Korea and the U.S. He led the ROK 1st Infantry Division beside U.S. forces during the drive north from the Pusan perimeter in 1950. He served as the ROK Army chief of staff twice, and is the Republic of Korea's most highly decorated

officer. He served as an officer in the army of the Republic of Korea from 1950 to 1960, and as an ambassador for South Korea to 19 countries following his military service.

The morning before the opening ceremony, the 8th Army Ten-Miler team participated in the 18th Annual Army Ten-Miler and ran a strong race. 8th Army had three teams of seven runners each in the men's, women's and sergeants major categories.

The men's team took fourth place behind the first place Italian Army team, the Fort Lewis team, and the Fort Leavenworth team. The fastest 8th Army male was Spc. Joshua M. Butts, a chaplains assistant from 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment who ran 10 miles in 54 minutes, 12 seconds.

The women's team came in 6th place, just behind the Fort Bragg and Fort Hood teams. Spc. Noreen B. Robertson, a radio/communications



The 8th Army 10-Miler team poses with retired Gen. Paik Sun-yup and Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, commander of U.S. Forces Korea.

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Peninsula's vets treat bunches of pets during veterinary exercise



by Pfc. Daniel Love
Staff writer

The 129th Medical Detachment and the 106th Medical Detachment conducted a field surgery exercise in which they performed surgeries on almost 50 animals.

Canines and felines from around the peninsula were taken off of a waiting list for surgeries ranging from common neutering procedures to complex tissue operations.

"We've been doing all kinds of surgery, mainly neutering, spays and castrations, but also major orthopedic surgeries and major soft tissues as well," said Maj. David S. Galloway, commander of the 129th Medical Detachment. "We did approximately 15 surgeries a day."

The exercise was a way to serve all of the customers on a growing waiting list and also to fulfill training requirements.

"We set up our tents to perform a field surgery exercise so we could get training on different surgeries and catch up on our spay and neuter list," said Spc. Rachel J. Forrester, a veterinary technician with the 129th Medical Detachment.

The tents were brought with units from Osan and Daegu. They also brought all of the equipment necessary for surgery and taking care of the animals.

"This gives us training on moving, setting up and working in a field hospital," said Galloway. "It's a major effort moving this thing. We have to work with the equipment to find out what we have and what we need."



Spc. Jared M. Benford, a veterinary technician with the 129th Medical Detachment, restrains "Little Bit" while the dog is sedated prior to surgery.

Photo by Pfc. Daniel Love

Galloway said that though they were working in tents instead of an office set up for pet care, the soldiers were successful in all of the surgeries.

The animals operated on were privately owned pets, unit mascots and working dogs. Forrester said with the variety of types of animals being treated, cleanliness was an issue.

"Sterilization can be a big problem in this type of environment," said Forrester. "Our field tent sterilizers recently broke so we were using the dental clinic's."

Soldiers came from Camp Red Cloud, Osan, and Daegu to participate in the exercise. Animals were shipped from posts peninsula-wide to be treated.

"Animals on other posts couldn't get high-level surgeries they get here, like orthopedic care," said Lt. Col. Bob E. Walters, theater veterinary commander. "When they need an advanced surgery, they

have to be shipped to Yongsan."

The theater veterinary commander gave the services provided during the exercise high ratings. He said the Army veterinarians were working better than some civilian professionals.

"We're doing more here than I've ever seen a veterinary general hospital get done," said Walters. "They're doing it better and they're doing it to the standard, they're not cutting any corners. The pets are getting the quality and standards of care that they'd get from a civilian operation outside of this facility."



Courtesy photo

Pfc. Michael Church and Sgt. Kim, Jong-hwa square off against each other during a demonstration.

2ID team takes six medals away from World Tae Kwon Do Hwarang Festival in Jincheon

by **Pfc. Robbie McCarty**
2nd Infantry Division PAO

CAMP RED CLOUD, Republic of Korea – When all the kicks and punches had finished flying, the 2nd Infantry Division's Tae Kwon Do team took home six medals – one gold, one silver, and four bronze – from the World Tae Kwon Do Hwarang Festival in Jincheon, South Korea, Oct. 27 through 30.

The team competed collectively against 17 other teams in the demonstration division and individually against 2,300 other competitors from 34 countries in the fighting division.

The team from the 2nd Inf. Div. earned its gold medal by taking first place in the Tae Kwon Do demonstration competition.

The fighting division was solely an individual competition with six soldiers from 2nd Inf. Div. competing. Out of those six, five Warriors won medals.

The medal-winning soldiers were: silver medalist Spc. Rosado Marquez, 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment; and bronze medalists Spc. Timon Kim, 50th Engineer Company; Pvt. 1st Class Joseph Stanford, Co. B, 2nd Engineer Battalion; Pfc. Byron Johncox, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment; and Spc. Louis Davis, 82nd Eng. Co.

The credit goes to the teaching of Master Kim, Mun-ok and the hard work and discipline of the soldiers, said Staff Sgt. David Ruiz, NCOIC for the Tae Kwon Do team.

“One of our soldiers even competed against a Jordanian who has been on his country's Olympic team,” said Ruiz. “He held his own against him. That just shows the quality of training we receive here.”

Master Kim, who was awarded a trophy at the international festival recognizing his outstanding leadership, said that he picks soldiers out when he goes to PT sessions.

“I can spot talent,” said Kim. “After I see someone I try to get him a place on the team.”

Johncox was one of those soldiers and testified to the training Kim puts the soldiers through.

“It's like a smoke session every day,” said Johncox. “But it is all worth it in the end.”

Johncox took the bronze in his class, but believes he would have fared better if he hadn't suffered a broken foot during the match.

He also believes nothing but great things will come out of this tremendous showing.

“We want to put the 2nd Inf. Div. Tae Kwon Do team on the map as ‘Second to None.’”



Haeundae Beach is one of the most popular sites young Korean people visit during summer. Deluxe hotels are gathered around the coastline.

by Cpl. Jang, Seung-mo
Staff writer



Taejongdae is named after Taejong, the king of Shilla Dynasty. It is said that he loved to watch the sea from the top of Taejongdae.

Busan, a bustling city of four million residents, is situated on the south-eastern tip of the Korean peninsula. The natural environment of Busan is a perfect example of harmony between mountains, rivers, and sea. Its geography includes a coastline with superb beaches and scenic cliffs, mountains that provide excellent hiking and extraordinary views, and hot springs scattered throughout the city. Busan enjoys four distinct seasons and a temperate climate that never gets too hot or too cold.

Haeundae Beach

Haeundae Beach, one of the Eight Wonders of Korea, is the largest beach in Korea and combines a beach with a hot spring. This beach, with gently curving sands stretching 2 kilometers, attracts about 120,000 visitors each year. It is ideal for swimming because of an inclination of 10 degrees and single meter water depths.



Jagalchi market is famous throughout the country for the peculiar local accent of the Jagalchi marketers, fresh fish, and noisy deal making. Tourists can taste exquisite raw fish at a very low price.

Taejongdae

Stretching 9.1km along the southern side of the Yeongdo coast, Taejongdae is centered around a 250m-high peak. There are about 200 kinds of trees - seashore pine, silver magnolia, camellia and so on - and sheer cliffs along the seashore. On a clear day, Taejongdae commands a view of the Tsushima Island in Japan. Sheer cliffs, the sound of the waves and the dense forest will make for a rewarding visit.

Mt. Yongdu Park

The Busan Tower is a symbol of Busan. It was built 69 meters above the sea level and is 120 meters high. Tourists can see Busan's central boulevards and beautiful scenes from its observatory. The observation tower resembles the roof of Dabo Pagoda in Bulguk Temple. Going up the elevator and watching the city, there are day and night views to be taken in. On a clear day, everyone can get a wide view of the sea. On a clear night, it is filled with bright city lights like the stars of a galaxy. Unlike Seoul, Busan has a port, whose playful waves blink and dance under the lights. On top of the park stands a statue of Admiral Yi Sun-shin and the big flower clock.



Photos by Cpl. Jang, Seung-mo

**Left: Busan Tower standing tall on Mt. Yongdu(or Dragon's head)
Above: A view of Busan from the observatory of Busan Tower.**

The City of World Class

Jagalchi Market

This is the largest fish market in Korea. The life of Busan citizens can truly be felt here. Fish fresh from the sea are sold via brokers to retailers at the wharf, while street stalls abound with all kinds of sea products such as sea bream, flat fish, flounder, ear shell, sea squirt, cuttlefish, octopus, and so on.

For more information, please view the Busan Homepage at www.visit.busan.kr.



The 6th Chungju World Martial Arts Festival



Story & photos by
Sgt. Lisa Jendry
Editor

CHUNGJU, South Korea - Thousands of people gathered in Chungju City for the 6th Chungju World Martial Arts Festival Sept. 30 – Oct. 6.

Fifty five teams from 36 countries participated in the festival that included hundreds of martial arts demonstrations, traditional music and dancing performances and a variety of food for people to choose from.

“It’s amazing to see the different cultures and where they originate.”

- Sgt. Nadine Langley

Participants of all different ages and backgrounds demonstrated their unique styles such as Let Whay, a

traditional form of boxing using the feet, knees, elbow, head and bare hands and Hai Dong Gum Do, a martial art based on sword techniques such as slashing and piercing.

“What I really enjoyed most was seeing the different cultures and the different reactions and feelings that they bring out from their music to their dancing styles or to the martial arts styles,” said Sgt. Nadine Langley, executive administrative assistant, 311 Theater Signal Command, 8th U.S. Army. “Some bring out different emotions, like emotions of love or some of war or meditation. It’s amazing to see the different cultures and where they originate from.”

There were also many non-martial arts performers such as Native American team Soldier Canyon from the U.S.

“Today we came to perform to show and share our culture with the

Korean people,” said Neal Thunder Hawk a student from Pine Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota. “The U.S. team has been bringing native dancers for about four or five years now so this is the sixth martial arts festival they’ve been dancing

here, showing the Korean people our culture from back home and the different tribes.”

Thunder Hawk brought five other team members with him this year to give them the experience of being out of the country and he said they are all enjoying themselves.

“The people are friendly here and they’re very courteous to us,” he said. “They give us all the things we need. We’re really enjoying our experience here and I’m sure it’s an eye-opening experience for the Korean people as well.”



Members of Soldier Canyon, a group consisting of various tribes from across the U.S., traveled to Korea to demonstrate traditional Native American dances during the festival.





A team member demonstrates his strength by wrapping rebar around his neck with help from teammates.



This performance requires its young team members to use skill and balance as they hold each other up.



A member of the Kyokushin Karate team of Japan breaks a huge ice block with his leg. Kyokushin Karate is a martial art for the sole purpose of actual combat that was created by Choi Young-eui, a Japanese-Korean. This martial art team has been a participant since the 4th Chungju World Martial Arts Festival.



Chief Warrant Officer 5 Kenny Collier stands next to his RC-12H "Guardrail" signal intelligence airplane. He also flew UH-1 "Huey" helicopters.

Steve Davis

Army pilot logs 10,000 hours of flawless flight

by Steve Davis
Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea – The 8th U.S. Army commanding general presented two awards to a Camp Humphreys pilot after he logged his 10,000th accident-free hour in the sky.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Kenny Collier accomplished what few pilots have Sept. 22 while flying an RC-12H "Guardrail" signal intelligence collection airplane in South Korean airspace for the 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation)

based here.

Collier, the battalion standardization officer, said his inspiration to fly was in the joke he shared with a friend during the 100-mile trip road march from Pope Air Force Base near Fort Bragg, N. C., to Rockingham and back.

"We ought to learn to fly," Collier, then a sergeant first class in Army Special Forces, told 1st Lt. Donnie Broome, his Special Forces operational detachment leader, during the long, tough march as they saw some Army helicopters pass overhead. "Flying is much easier on the body."

Broome is now a brigadier

general, and Collier learned to fly.

After 11 years as a noncommissioned officer, including tours of duty with the Special Forces in Vietnam, Collier applied for helicopter flight school.

He graduated from flight school in 1980 and pinned on aviator wings.

"My first goal was to get flight time any way I could," said Collier. "The greatest goal I could think of at the time was to get promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 2 with over 1,000 hours of accident-free flight time."

In addition to military missions, he volunteered to fly for the Fort Bragg

sports parachute club in order to log flight time.

From a humble beginning in aviation, Collier has logged an impressive record over the years.

He has flown 360 hours combat time and 300 hours "imminent danger" time during U.S. Army Special Operations Command missions in Operation Just Cause to oust Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega in 1989 and during Operation Desert Storm in 1991 to evict Iraqi forces that had invaded Kuwait.

"He's conducted operations in all kinds of environments that were challenging and dangerous and yet he conducted his operations safely," said Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell, 8th U.S. Army commander.

Broadening his flying abilities, Collier learned to fly fixed wing aircraft.

He now is qualified to fly various military aircraft, including special operations helicopters and intelligence-gathering airplanes.

"I'll fly anything that's got lift," he said.

He prefers a good, steady lift at all times, not the faltering lift he experienced in a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter during a harrowing Special Forces training mission in 1984 near Fort Bragg.

"We were doing a night rooftop extraction of four soldiers when the tail rotor blade broke," said Collier. "The Huey went into a spin as four soldiers dangled on ropes below me."

Collier said he fought for control and was able to get the soldiers to the ground.

"I had about three seconds to get it right. I pushed the collective down to take the spin out, then rolled the throttle to let the Huey settle," he said. "Then I pulled up on the collective. The soldiers hit the ground, but they were still attached to the ropes."

He said he was able to keep the spinning helicopter under enough control to crash-land it nearby.

"The soldiers got dragged a little, but I was able to get the helicopter down without crashing on them,"

said Collier.

He received an Army aviation "Broken Wing" award for saving an aircraft and lives during a situation that could have resulted in fatalities or aircraft damage.

Not all of his emergency landings were nail-biters. In fact, he said one incident - while he was flying VIPs on a Piper Cheyenne 2 airplane - was downright funny and a bit embarrassing.

"All of a sudden the airplane started vibrating," he said. "I couldn't figure out why, so I landed the plane as a precaution."

Naturally, the general and his staff had to get off. Collier said he found

"I've only known two pilots who broke 10,000 hours. I'm the third."

- Chief Warrant Officer 5 Kenny Collier

out later that the vibration had been caused by a broken air conditioner shaft. He said he took quite a ribbing from fellow pilots for being forced down by a broken air conditioner.

Collier retained his "accident-free" status because pilots are not held responsible for mechanical failures such as broken parts.

Though he passed 9,000 hours of accident-free flight time during a previous tour in Korea in 1999, Collier said he wasn't sure when he'd actually make the 10,000-hour mark revered in the Army aviation community.

"I just knew I was close," he said. "I had also casually told someone that I wanted a big-screen television as a gift when I passed 10,000 hours."

He got his wish, sort of.

Pae Kwang-chong, the battalion flight operations clerk, knew Collier

was close and alerted everyone, including battalion commander Lt. Col. Steve Johns, who arranged a surprise.

When Collier landed after his record-setting flight, he was picked up at planeside by the commander's staff car.

"I was told that the colonel was really mad about something and wanted to see me immediately," said Collier. "That's supposedly why the car had been sent to pick me up."

Instead of taking him to Johns' office, however, Collier was taken to a hangar where the entire battalion had gathered to celebrate his accomplishment of reaching the magic 10,000 hours of accident-free flying time.

"They even had a cake that looked like a big-screen television," said Collier.

Collier - who has been in the Army for 35 years - said he really appreciated the celebration.

"I've only known two pilots who broke 10,000 hours," he said. "I'm the third."

The 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion Safety Officer Chief Warrant Officer 4 Dave Hennies said reaching the 10,000 hours of accident-free flight time is an extraordinary achievement.

"It's unattainable for most Army aviators," said Hennies. "You have to be assigned to units that do a lot of flying."

Collier, who has four years left in the Army, has set his sights on another goal. He wants to fly jets.

"I've always wanted to fly jets," said Collier. "It's just a matter of a two-week course at Warner Robins Air Force Base in Georgia and two more weeks in a flight simulator."

In the meantime, he'll continue his tour as the battalion standardization officer and fly missions for the 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion in South Korea.

"As a noncommissioned officer and as a warrant officer he is about standards," said Campbell. "Knowing the standard, enforcing the standard, and influencing others through rigorous training to be able to perform to that standard."

부산국제영화제

6th PUSAN International Film Festival



영화제의 열기로 부산은 뜨겁게 달아오르고 있었다. 10월 2일 막을 올려 9일간 영화 향연을 제공한 제8회 부산국제영화제(PIFF: Pusan International Film Festival)는 부산 시민들은 물론이고 이를 관람하기 위해 부산을 찾은 많은 국내외 관객들을 들뜨게 하였다.

이번 부산국제영화제의 개막작은 일본 영화계의 거장 쿠로사와 키요시 감독의 대작 '도플갱어', 폐막작으로는 박기형 감독의 '아카시아'가 선정되었다. 개막식과 폐막식은 3년만에 다시 해운대 수영요트 경기장의 야외상영관에서 상영되었다. 또한 영화제 기간동안 관객들을 위해 일곱 편의 야외 상영을 제공하였다. 아름다운 부산의 밤과 낭만적인 바다를 배경으로 펼쳐지는 야외 상영은 부산국제영화제에서만 느낄 수 있는 큰 즐거움이 되었다.

영화제 기간동안 펼쳐지는 여러 행사들을 진두지휘하며 혈통 없는 나날을 보내고 있는 부산국제영화제 홍보팀 스페셜 이벤트 담당 홍철영씨를 만나 이번 영화제에 대한 이력저널 이야기를 들었다. 이번 영화제의 준비과정에 대해 홍철영씨는 "지난 7회 부산국제영화제가 끝나고 나서 곧바로 올해의 영화제를 위한 준비에 들어갔고, 특히 개막 전 두 달 동안은 이번 영화제의 스태프들에게 있어서 비상체제였다"고 말했다.

영화제 관계자들의 이러한 노력 때문인지 부산국제영화제는 해를 더해갈수록 두터운 성장을 보여주고 있다. 또 유명 일간지에 의하면 전세계에 존재하는 천 여 개의 영화제 중 부산국제영화제가 이미 세계 8대 영화제 안에 진입했다고 한다. 이러한 영화제의 순위 매기기를 떠나더라도 부산국제영화제의 세계적 위상은 영화제 기간동안 쉽게 느낄 수 있었다. 세계 각국에서 영화



해운대 야외상영관에서 영화를 보기 위해 관객들이 줄을 서서 기다리는 모습

제를 관람하러 온 외국인들이 눈에 쉽게 띄었고, 다양한 행사를 통한 관객들과의 만남은 부산국제영화제를 소수의 영화 매니아들만이 아닌 부산 시민 모두를 위한 축제가 될 수 있게 하였다.

제8회 부산국제영화제는 과거 어느 해 보다는 풍성하고 다양한 프로그램을 준비하였다. 역대 최대 규모인 61개국 250편의 작품이 이번 영화제에 선보였고, 국내 영화제 최초



부산국제영화제 김동호 집행위원장(왼쪽에서 두번째), 영화배우 명계남씨(왼쪽) 등 영화인들이 지켜보는 가운데 정창화 감독의 핸드 프린팅을 하고 있다.

로 북한 영화를 상영하였을 뿐만 아니라 3년만에 야외 상영을 재개하였다. 이 외에도 영화 감독의 시낭송회, '크리티크스 초이스'라는 이름의 비평가가 선정한 영화를 소개하는 프로그램, 야외 상영관에서 열리는 여러 가지 공연행사 등이 거행되어 관객들에게 한 발짝 더 다가갔다.

"올해 들어 세미나 등 부대행사들이 크게 증가하였다"는 홍철영씨는 "지난 회까지만 하더라도 부산국제영화제는 영화상영이 중점을 두었지만 올해를 기화로 이제까지 축적된 힘을 이용, 여러 가지 다양한 시도를 해보았다"고 말해 부산국제영화제의 성장을 재확인시켜주었다.

이번 영화제에서는 한국액션영화의 선구자이자 한국영화의 국제화를 선도한 정창화 감독이 단연 두각을 드러내었다. 한국 영화 회고전에서 그의 작품 중 8편이 마련되었고, 핸드 프린팅을 할 수 있는 영광도 가졌다. 핸드 프린팅 주인공은 세계 영화사적으로 중요한 위치를 차지하고 있는 영화인을 중심으로 선정하는데, 정창화 감독 외에도 스웨덴의 Jan Troell 감독, 루마니아의 Lucian Pintilie 감독이 올해 선정되었다.

이번 영화제를 통해 부산은 다시 한번 '세계의 영화 중심지'로 태어났다. 남포동에 위치한 PIFF 광장에는 매일 수 만 명의 인파가 모여들었고, 야외 상영관을 포함한 여러 영화 상영관 및 PIFF 센터가 모인 해운대 역시 축제의 중심지가 되었다. "여러 영화제들을 가보았지만 부산국제영화제처럼 활기 있고 생동감 넘치는 영화제는 이번이 처음"이라는 프랑스인 Julian Rousset 씨는 "앞으로도 계속 활기찬 모습을 기대한다"며 영화제의 성공을 기원하였다.

제8회 부산국제영화제는 10일, 국내외 많은 영화인들과 관객들이 지켜보는 가운데 그 대단원의 막을 내렸다. 9일간 영화에 푹 빠져있었던 관객들은 한껏 아쉬움을 표시했고, 이들은 내년을 기약하며 집으로 발길을 돌렸다.

기사: 사진: 송병 장승모



불계 물든 노을을 향해 길게 뻗어있는 길. 한 손에는 소총을 들고 무거운 군장을 등에 맨 채 행군하는 군인들. 이는 영화에서 자주 볼 수 있는 군인들의 모습이다. 이와 같이 한여름의 작열하는 태양이나 한겨울의 살을 에는 추위 앞에서도 절대 굴하지 않고 진전하는 군인들의 행군 모습은 언제 보아도 멋지다는 생각을 하게 한다. 또한 위장크림을 얼굴에

잔뜩 바른 채 숲을 헤쳐나가는 모습 또한 멋진 군인의 표상이다. 카투사들 중에는 이러한 일들은 물론이고 일반인들이 쉽게 상상하지도 못하는 위험천만한 훈련들을 일상적으로 해내는 이들이 있다. 전쟁이 발발하면 우리 군의 선봉이 될 503보병 1대대의 카투사들이 바로 그들이다.

503보병 1대대 카투사들은 일년의 삼분의 일 이상을 야전에서 생활하기 때문에 이와 관련된 애처소트를 많이 가지고 있다고 한다.

"모든 훈련이 다 고되지만 특히 한겨울에 받는 훈련은 이루 말할 수 없이 힘들다"는 A중대 선임병장 신철민 병장은 "겨울에도 취침할 때에만 텐트에서 자기 때문에 하루종일 갈날 같은 바람에 노출되어 있다"고 말했다.

"Strike Thrust"라는 겨울훈련 매였습니 다. 하루종일 찬바람을 쐬며 이동도 하지 않고 있다보니 부대원들 모두 손이 차차 얼기 시작했습니다. 급기야 몇몇은 감각을 못 느낄 정도였습니다. 나중에 사격을 해야 했는데 모두들 손이 얼어서 탄창조차 잘 끼지 못하는 상황까지 간 적이 있습니다. 그때는 정말 힘들었지만 지금 되돌아보면 좋은 추억입니다."

503보병 1대대 카투사들은 부대 내에서 미군과 동일한 권리와 의무를 가지고 군



503보병연대 1대대

1ST BN, 503D INF REGT

무하고 있다. 그만큼 카투사들의 근무 능력이 탁월하기 때문이라고 한다. 부대의 카투사 중 상당수가 전투복에 우수보병기장을 달고 있었는데, C중대 선임병장 김영권 병장에 의하면 우수보병기장 시험에 응시하는 미군들 중 30% 정도가 실제로 기장을 획득하는데 반해 카투사의 경우는 60% 정도가 획득한다고 한다.

부대의 정격 중 PT 역시 매우 중요시된다. 부대원들이 대부분 PT 마스터이기 때문에 503보병 1대대에서는 PT 마스터라는 개념이 존재하지 않는다. 대대 평균이 280점을 상회하고 300점 이상의 점수를 보유하는 부대원들도 다반사이다. 그리고 카투사들의 점수가 미군들에 비해 더 높다고 한다.

503보병 1대대 C중대를 이끌고 있는 John Keefer 주임상사는 이러한 카투사들에게 칭찬을 아끼지 않았다.

"미군과 같이 주특기 교육을 받고 전입을 오는 것이



이닝에도 불구하고 카투사들은 놀라운 정도로 일을 빨리 배우고 또 잘합니다. 모두들 의욕이 넘치고 매우 부지런히 근무를 합니다. 이는 많은 미군들이 카투사들로부터 배워야 할 점이라고 생각합니다."

단 하루였지만 이들과 함께 있으면서 진정한 군인, 아니 진정한 남자의 모습을 볼 수 있었다.

그들의 눈에서 힘찬 기상을 느낄 수 있었고, 움직임 하나 하나에는 자신감이 배어 나왔다. 남자의 눈으로 봐도 '아, 멋지다!'라는 탄성을 지아낼 정도였다. 2년이라는 군복무 기간, 절대 짧은 시간이 아닐 것이다. 모두에게 주어진 이 기간동안 군대라는 특수한 조직에서 무엇을 얻어 가는가는 전적으로 그 사람의 몫이다. 그러한 면에서, 취재를 마친 기사를 배웅한 후 돌아서는 503보병 1대대의 카투사들의 멋모습이 기자의 눈에 새삼 커 보였다.

기사, 사진: 상병 장승모



훈련에서 돌이와 81mm 박격포를 정비하고 있는 본부중대 박격포 소대의 박성하 상병(왼쪽)과 Keith Long 이병

40th Infantry Division tightens bond with

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The commander and soldiers of the 40th Infantry Division stationed in California and the Army National Guard of U.S. Forces Korea and 8th U.S. Army visited the Gapyong Comprehensive High School in Kyonggi Province Oct. 22 as part of the anniversary of the school's founding and to strengthen a bond that dates back to the Korean War.

The day's visit coincided with the Bonap Festival that takes place annually within the school. The students of the high school prepared a costume parade for the guests before exchanging gifts and meeting with Kang, U-seok, principal of Gapyong Comprehensive High School, to talk about future plans.

Nearly 50 years ago, retired Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Cleland, commander of the 40th Infantry Division at the time, gathered funds and soldiers to help build the school. Although much time has passed since the 40th Infantry Division helped the school and the people of the Gapyong area,

their bond is still tight.

Retired Col. Kim, Hong-bae, commander, ROKA Support Group, one of the first graduates of the school and also the godson of Cleland, constantly coordinates with the 40th Infantry Division to keep the good relationship between the school and the division.

"Being a graduate of the school, I would like the school to improve; that is why I keep the relationship going," said Kim. "But prior to me, the 40th Infantry Division always takes interest in the school first and thinks about helping the school and keeping the bond lasting."

"The people of the Gapyong area, the school and 8th Army are all proud of the relationship that the school and the 40th Infantry Division has," he added.

To the Gapyong area, U.S. soldiers mean something more. During the Korean War, a fierce battle took place in Gapyong. Without the help of U.S. soldiers, the area might have been under Communist ruling. The people of Gapyong are thankful to the U.S. troops, not only for what the soldiers have done for the school but also for providing them the land they live in.

The school and people of Gapyong are an important part of the 40th Infantry Division as well.

According to Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Gidley, commander, 40th Infantry Division, the division is very proud and pleased to be a part of the wonderful achievements that the school has accomplished over the years and was honored to see that the school still remembered them after so much time.



Sgt. Maj. Harry J. Beaver, senior ARNG e

"The history of the school and the exchange between the school and the 40th Infantry Division, naturally gets the students and the soldiers to respect each other and the countries as well," said Kang.

In the early days, the 40th Infantry Division helped the school by providing basic school supplies and for years, the division has gathered money to help



Army members applaud during the student's costume parade.



Female students put on a costume parade for the Army guests.

Gapyong Comprehensive High School



unlisted advisor,

with the school's annual scholarships. Now, they are having talks about exchanging students during school vacation so the students can learn and experience a different language and culture as well as make new friends across the world.

"Being part of the development and the relationship is the most rewarding part of my work here in Korea," said Col. Jeffrey Russell, senior Army National Guard advisor, U.S. Forces Korea and 8th U.S. Army. "It is a great opportunity to be a part of the Korean community and I will work to keep this definite tie. The division, Colonel Kim, the school and I will work hard to keep this great relationship enduring."



Principal Kang, U-seok (left) gives Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Gidley (right) a piece of traditional Korean pottery.



Girls dress up in 'Hanbok', traditional clothing.



Retired Col. Kim, Hong-bae looks through old photo albums with members of the 40th Infantry Division and Army National Guard.

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security repair specialist, ran the course in 1 hour, 6 minutes, and 45 seconds to lead the women's team.

"Everyone put in a lot of time since we represent the entire 8th US Army," said Capt. Julie A. Balten, 8th Army 10-Miler team member and company commander with the 2nd Engineer Battalion. "The group was able to go to Daegu and put in some really tough workouts."

The Army Ten-miler is the biggest ten-mile race in the U.S., with 13,198 of the 18,000 runners who registered finishing.

The Soldiers who participated in the race also manned the 8th Army display at the AUSA convention.

"We get to come here and experience AUSA and see all it has to offer," said Butts. "You get all the free stuff, and you get to talk to everybody from all the different units."

There were many organizations there giving out free souvenirs, including Army units and commands, and corporations and private compa-

nies there to show off their newest Soldier gear.

"The representatives like to meet on a professional level and share what their unit or business is all about," said Capt. Jeanette E. Medina, ten-miler team member and maintenance officer with the 2nd Forward Support Battalion. "The amount of rank around here makes this conference attractive to civilian contractors, it'll make their product easier to sell."

The Soldiers hailing from the peninsula had many visitors to their exhibit.

Their display was filled with pictures from soldier and civilian life in Korea, as well as living, breathing soldiers ready to talk about their experiences.

"This display exposes people to the culture and things that are available in Korea," said Staff Sgt. Paul Lancaster, a telecommunications specialist with the 307th Signal Battalion. "People's first impression when they think of Korea is MASH,

they don't realize that it's the same as the United States these days."

The booth had visitors each day who told of their experience in Korea.

"Sometimes an older gentleman will comment on how different it is from when he was there," said Medina. "He'd say 'I was a young private or lieutenant in the 50's, and that bridge was burning or that hill was on fire, and we were chasing the North Koreans and Chinese out of there. Its amazing to hear what these people have to say.'"

A few people that are scheduled to go to Korea were encouraged by 8th Army's display.

"It looks like it'll be a well rounded tour, I'll get a lot of culture and become a better soldier," said 2nd Lt. Byron M. Adkins, who is scheduled to graduate from engineer officer basic course and come to Korea next year. "Korea was my first choice, and I'm looking forward to getting over there and doing some soldiering."

Sgt. Dale Hart, an electronic systems repair specialist with Company G, 52nd Aviation, examines a stationary machine gun at the Association of the U.S. Army conference. Many weapons manufacturers had state-of-the-art weapons systems on display.



2004 Eighth Army Level Community Recreation Program Calendar

DATE EVENT LOCATION

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| 6 Dec 03 | Video Game Challenge | K-16 |
| 9 Dec 03 | Quarterly Meeting | Cp Casey |
| 10-11 Jan 04 | Dominoes Tournament | Cp Carroll |
| 7-8 Feb 04 | Darts Tournament | Cp Howe |
| 11 Feb 04 | Quarterly Meeting | Cp Walker |
| 13-15 Feb 04 | BOSS Bargain Weekend - Kyungju | Kyungju |
| 21-22 Feb 04 | Parade of American Music (PAM) | |
| | March Competition | Yangsan |
| 6-7 Mar 04 | Chess Tournament | Cp Casey |
| 17-18 Apr 04 | 9-Ball Tournament | Cp Red Cloud |
| 20-23 Apr 04 | BOSS Seminar | Cp Humphreys |
| 30 Apr 04 | Deadline for Fine Arts & Designer Crafts Contest | |
| 12 May 04 | Fine Arts & Designer Crafts Contest | |
| | Awards Ceremony | Yangsan |
| 15 May 04 | BOSS Fashion Bash | Yangsan |
| 19 May 04 | Quarterly Meeting | Yangsan |
| 22-23 May 04 | Paintball Team Championships | Cp Humphreys |
| 29 May 04 | Karaoke & Body Building Contest | Cp Holech |
| 30 May 04 | BOSS Beach Blast | |
| 9 Jul 04 | Deadline for Photo Contest | |
| 10-11 Jul 04 | 8-Ball Tournament | Yangsan |
| 21 Jul 04 | Photo Contest Awards Ceremony | Yangsan |
| 24 Jul 04 | Battle of Bands Contest | Cp Humphreys |
| 28 Jul 04 | Quarterly Meeting | Cp Casey |
| 3-5 Sep 04 | BOSS Bargain Weekend - Jeju-do | Cp McNabb |
| 25 Sep 04 | Han River Casino Cruise | Yangsan |
| 9 Oct 04 | "Stars of Tomorrow" Entertainment Contest | Yangsan |
| 6-7 Nov 04 | Table Tennis Tournament | Cp Carroll |
| 11-13 Nov 04 | BOSS Bargain Weekend - Mt. Sorak | Mt. Sorak |
| 17 Nov 04 | Quarterly Meeting | Yangsan |
| 4-5 Dec 04 | Video Game Challenge | K-16 |

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Final Frame



Russian team members demonstrate Sambo. In Russian, Sambo means defense without weapons. In 1938, the Soviet Sports Federation researched various wrestling styles of Armenia, Zerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia and Japan in order to create this organized martial art which uses both the feet and hands.